

Appl. No. 09/903,982
Amdt. dated April 4, 2005
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 2683

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 5-7, 9-10, and 12-39 are pending. Claims 1-4, 8, and 11 have been canceled. Claims 5-7, 9, 12-16, 18, and 21-23 have been amended. New claims 29-39 have been added. The new and amended claims are supported by the specification. No new matter has been added in the amended or new claims.

Claims 19, 20, and 24-28 are allowable as the examiner indicated.

As suggested by the examiner, claims 5, 6, 9-10, 15, 18, and 23 have been rewritten to incorporate the limitations of claims 1, 3, and 4. Dependent claims have been amended to depend from one of these allowable independent claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal notice of allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400, extension 5518.

Respectfully submitted,


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